

### MAIL STOP **AMENDMENT**

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WITH HETEROGENEOUS DATA STORES

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#### TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

# **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.